

How to Grow Purple Coneflower



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A perennial that will grace your garden every year, purple coneflower loves the sun. Native to the United States, the echinacea or purple coneflower is a hardy plant that grows up to 4 feet tall and blooms all summer.

Things you'll need:

- Potting soil
- Package of purple coneflower seeds
- Seedling tray

Instructions



1. Fill a seedling tray with potting soil. Potting soil contains the nutrients and elements needed to work with seeds and maintain their growth. Begin this process in February.
2. Put two seeds in each section of the seedling tray. Place the tray under a plant light for at least six hours a day until the seeds appear to have roots.
3. Fill the small plastic pots halfway with potting soil. Place each purple coneflower plant in the middle of a pot. Fill the remainder of the pots with the potting soil.
4. Transfer the purple coneflower plants outside to the garden in the spring after the last frost. Space the plants 12 inches apart in an area where full sun occurs.
5. Water the plants thoroughly the first day. Continue to water every day the first week the plants are in the ground. After that, water about three times a week. Do not overwater your purple cornflower plants. Keep the soil moist and not muddy.